(c) the length of rail tracks, in kms. where electric engines and diesel engines are being run, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) During Ninth Plan, 282 kms. of gauge conversion and 243 kms. doubling have been completed in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) An expenditure of over Rs. 9,000 crore has been incurred under Plan Heads 'New Lines', 'Gauge Conversion' and 'Doubling' during Ninth Plan on all the Railways.

(c) As on 1.4.2001, 14855.65 route kms. of lines had electrification out of total 3,028.41 route kms. While non-electrified routes are run by diesel engines, the electrified routes are run by diesel/electric engines as per requirement.

Threats by terrorists to NDLS

†3227. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the persisting threats from terrorists, being received in the reservation counter of the Northern Railway, situated at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of persons who come there everyday to get their tickets reserved;

(c) whether the aforesaid office has been given the status of heritage; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government, so far, to provide security to the said building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 9,800 reservation slips are handled everyday.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, in view of threats, security arrangements have been made at the Reservation Centre at the New Delhi Railway Station in coordination with Delhi Police Authorities. RPF staff is also deployed there. The anti-sabotage checks are conducted by Delhi Police.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.